UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

: CASE NO.: 1:15-cv-1561

Janice Lavrich 8354 Billings Road Kirtland, OH 44094

JUDGE

Plaintiff,

v.

:

Turning Point Solutions, LLC 3221 Southwestern Blvd, Suite 120 Orchard Park, NY 14217

COMPLAINT

and

JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-10

: A Trial by the Maximum Number of Jurors

: is hereby Demanded

Defendants.

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Here comes Plaintiff Janice Lavrich, and sets forth a *Complaint* against Defendants Turning Point Solutions, LLC and Defendant John and Jane Does 1 – 10 as follows:

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- 1. This action arises out of Defendants' repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (the "FDCPA").
 - 2. Jurisdiction is proper in the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that Defendants transact business here and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred here.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff, Janice Lavrich ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Kirtland, Ohio, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

- 5. Defendant, Turning Point Solutions, LLC ("TPS"), is a New York business entity with an address of 3221 Southwestern Boulevard Suite 120, Orchard Park, New York 14217, operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 6. Defendants John and Jane Does 1 10 are the individual collectors for TPS, but whose names are unknown. The Complaint will be amended to add their names when they are determined through discovery.
 - 7. TPS at all times acted by and through one or more of the Collectors.

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A. The Debt

- 8. A financial obligation (the "Debt") was allegedly incurred to an original creditor (the "Creditor").
- 9. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes, which meets the definition of a "debt" under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 10. The Debt was purchased, assigned or transferred to TPS for collection, or TPS was employed by the Creditor to collect the Debt.
- 11. Defendants attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in "communications" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

B. TPS Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics

- 12. In or around December 2014, TPS contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the Debt from a person whom Plaintiff does not know (the "Debtor").
- 13. Plaintiff explained to TPS that it was calling the wrong telephone number and requested that all calls to her regarding the Debt cease.

14. Nevertheless, TPS continued to call Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the Debt.

C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

- 15. Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 16. As a direct consequence of Defendants' acts, practices and conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration and embarrassment.

Violations of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.

- 17. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 18. Defendants engaged in behavior the natural consequence of which was to harass, oppress, or abuse Plaintiff in connection with collection of the Debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d.
- 19. Defendants caused a phone to ring repeatedly and engaged Plaintiff in telephone conversations with the intent to annoy and harass, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5).
- 20. Defendants used unfair and unconscionable means to collect the Debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692f.
- 21. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA.
 - 22. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendants' violations.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendants:

1. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);

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- 2. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);
- Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C.
 § 1692k(a)(3);
- 4. Punitive damage; and
- 5. Such other and further relief as this Court may determine to be just and proper.

Dated: August 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

By: <u>/s/ Sergei Lemberg</u>

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby makes a demand for trial by the maximum number of jurors allowed by law, on all triable issues.

/s/ Sergei Lemberg
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